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Takashi Hirokawa et al.

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For: AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL  
WATER DISPERSIBLE GRANULE

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Examiner: H. M. Chui

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix A** including a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 is attached hereto.